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SUBJECT: BRITISH PLANS FOR MASIRAH

REF: LONDON 17981 (NOV. 21, 1975)

1. REFTTEL REPORTED LUCAS, HEAD OF FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT, TOLD EMOFF FCO OPPOSED WITHDRAWAL FROM MASIRAH BECAUSE OF ADVERSE POLITICAL EFFECT ON FRIENDLY ARAB STATES IN AREA. DURING DISCUSSION OF GULF AFFAIRS ON FEBRUARY 11, LUCAS TOLD EMOFF THAT SINCE THEN SITUATION HAS BEEN CHANGED BY OMANI VICTORY IN DHOFAR CAMPAIGN. IN SULTAN'S PRESENT CONFIDENT SITUATION, BRITISH WITHDRAWAL WOULD NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE POLITICAL IMPACT ON HIM. LUCAS STATED QUESTION STILL UNDER DISCUSSION WITHIN HMG AND HE IS NOT ABLE TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER AT PRESENT.

2. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT ADVOCATES WITHIN THE MOD ARE HAVING MOPE SUCCESS PRESSING FOR PHASING DOWN OF MASIRAH ON COQT-EFFECTIVENESS GROUNDS AS PART OF CURRENT REDUCTION IN MOD BUDGET.

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